

Vacant Property Review Commission

Summary - July 16, 2014

Members present: Chip Crawford, Martina Ockerman, Karen Deprey, Shevawn Akers, Wesley Barringer, David O'Neill

Also in attendance: Derek Paulsen, Jonathan Hollinger, David Barberie, Melissa Murphy, Chris Corcoran, Rick Jordan, Michael Farmer, Bill Embry

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.

A correction to the meeting attendees in the June summary was suggested.

Motion by Martina Ockerman, seconded by Karen Deprey, to approve the June summary with corrections. Approved Unanimously.

Wesley Barringer, the Lending Institution Representative on the Commission, was introduced.

Crawford discussed the commission's activities to this point for the benefit of the visitors at the meeting.

Representatives from the Fire Department spoke about the information they have regarding structures.

Crawford and Barberie discussed the setting of the tax rate and the timing of approval.

Motion by Karen Deprey, Seconded by Martina Ockerman, to create the tax district for Abandoned Urban Property. Approved Unanimously.

Motion by Karen Deprey, Seconded by Martina Ockerman, to recommend a rate of \$1 per \$100 of property value for the tax district for Abandoned Urban Property. Approved Unanimously.

The commission discussed how any funds collected on abandoned urban property should be used. The commission was in agreement on exploring three options:

- Affordable Housing
- Land Bank
- Housing Assistance Fund

The Commission discussed programs, other than the tax on abandoned urban property, that could be used to assist in repairing abandoned homes.

Crawford asked Commission members to think about programs they would like to discuss prior to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Deprey, Seconded by Bill Johnston. Passed Unanimously.